

**ABSTRACT**

Disclosed herein is a method for automatically filtering a corpus of documents  
5 containing textual and non-textual information of a natural language. According to the  
method, through a first dividing step (101), the document corpus is divided into  
appropriate portions. At a following determining step (105), for each portion of the  
document corpus, there is determined a regularity value ( $V_R$ ) measuring the conformity  
10 of the portion with respect to character sequences probabilities predetermined for the  
language considered. At a comparing step (107), each regularity value ( $V_R$ ) is then  
compared with a threshold value ( $V_T$ ) to decide whether the conformity is sufficient.  
Finally, at a rejecting step (111), any portion of the document corpus whose conformity is  
not sufficient is rejected and removed from the corpus. An apparatus for carrying out  
such a method is also disclosed.

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(FIGURE 1)  
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